

Bad Friends

October 07, 2018

Rehoboam • Message 8

PRAY • REVIEW • SOMETHING MAGICAL HAPPENS WHEN YOU HAVE BOTH

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How can you tell if someone will be a good or bad friend?

STORY OF REHOBOAM!!

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1 Kings 12:1-19 (p. 160)

THE ADVICE OF THE ELDERS:

IF YOU SERVE THEM TODAY, THEY WILL SERVE YOU ALWAYS. • GOOD ADVICE!
THE ADVICE OF THE FRIENDS:

STRONGER THAN DADDY! • BAD ADVICE: CRUDE, UNIMPORTANT, COUNTERPRODUCTIVE THE RESULTS:

THE NATION OF ISRAEL SPLIT INTO TWO NATIONS! • I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN TO YOU

Traits of Bad Friends (v. 8)

They are your $\underline{\boldsymbol{A}}\; \underline{\boldsymbol{G}}\; \underline{\boldsymbol{E}}$. LIVE IN THE SAME TIME SLICE AS YOU

They GREW up WITH YOU. AND ALSO IN THE SAME CIRCLE!

They are always on **Y O U R S I D E**. WORDS TO PROP YOU UP

They are **NOT WISE**! CRUDE, POWER-HUNGRY, SHORT-SIGHTED

The Problem with Us

We want to surpass the past • We want to be strong and secure
We care for ourselves most • We trust ourselves most!

Traits of Good Friends (v. 6)

They have more **EXPERIENCE**.

They want the $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{E} \mathbf{S} \mathbf{T}$ for you (long term).

They care about MORETHANJUSTYOU.

Take it Home

COACH FIRST, THEN OUR PROBLEM OF TRUST CAN NEVER BE SOLVED BY A HUMAN RELATIONSHIP

Get a COACH • Surrender to the HOLY SPIRIT

ROMANS 8:6 • AFFIRM YOUR FAITH IN JESUS AND RECEIVE THE INDWELLING SPIRIT.

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ILL: KAVANAUGH • I WISH HE HAD BETTER FRIENDS • WE ALL ARE JUST LIKE REHOBOAN

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